Episode 70: A Dream I Once Had

コラ〜！ HEEEY!

YEAH.

I DON'T KNOW...

...BUT SHE SEEMS MORE AT HOME RUNNING AN ORPHANAGE THAN RULING.

SHE'S BEEN WEARING THE CROWN FOR TWO MONTHS NOW...

SHE'S NOT THE QUEEN I EXPECTED HER TO BE.

BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY CALL HISTORIA ON THE STREET?

IT'S THE MILITARY THAT'S REALLY RULING THE WALLS...SO THERE'S NO WAY OF HIDING THE FACT THAT THE MONARCHY IS JUST FOR SHOW.

THEY MEAN IT LOVINGLY, OF COURSE.

THE "CATTLE-FARMING GODDESS."

I GUESS SHE REALLY IS A GODDESS NOW...

THE HERO WHO VANQUISHED AN ATTACKING TITAN TURNS OUT TO BE THIS MODEST AND ADMIRABLE?

NATU-RALLY.

...WAS TO DO THIS.

ONE OF THE REASONS HISTORIA MADE THE DECISION TO BECOME QUEEN...

...

THIS?

EH?

AT THIS RATE, NO ONE'S EVEN GOING TO REMEMBER WHO PLUGGED THE HOLE IN TROST DISTRICT.

SHE'S USING THE ROYAL FAMILY'S BUDGET AND THE ASSETS SEIZED FROM POLITICIANS TO RUN THIS PLACE AND HELP THE POOR.

SHE LOOKED EVERYWHERE, FROM THE UNDER-GROUND TO EVERY CORNER OF THE WALLS... SHE GATHERED THE ORPHANS AND THE PEOPLE IN NEED SHE FOUND THERE, BROUGHT THEM TO THIS FARM, AND STARTED TAKING CARE OF THEM.

THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT A BACKLASH FROM THE ARISTOCRACY AT FIRST, BUT ALL THEIR RESISTANCE DID WAS FURTHER STRENGTHEN HER SUPPORT AMONG THE PEOPLE.

WELL... CAPTAIN LEVI WAS FROM THE UNDERGROUND, AFTER ALL.

EVEN THE CAPTAIN'S BACKING HER UP.

...BUT SHE SAID SHE WAS GOING TO FIND PEOPLE IN TROUBLE, NO MATTER WHERE THEY WERE, AND GO SAVE THEM.

THIS IS WHAT HISTORIA WANTED TO DO...

I DON'T THINK SHE'D THOUGHT IT OUT QUITE THIS FAR...

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AFTER WE CARRY ALL OF THIS. THE SUN'S ABOUT TO SET!

CAN'T WE TAKE A BREAK ...?

SHE FOUND US.

ACK.

TAP TAP TAP

HEY, YOU'RE SLACKING AGAIN!

A GOD-DESS, HUH?

SHE'S STARTING TO REMIND ME OF MY MOM...

...BUT WE'RE NOT READY FOR THE MISSION YET.

I'M ABLE TO BLOCK A CAVE NOW...

YEAH.

SO I HEAR THE HARDENING EXPERIMENTS ARE GOING WELL?

ZAKK

...THEY'LL COME **AGAIN.**

IF WE DON'T HURRY ...

ZAKK

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IF YOU EVER MEET REINER AND BERTOLT AGAIN...?

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

ZAKK

I...

...YOU WANT TO KILL THEM?

I... HAVE TO KILL THEM.

...

... HAVE TO.

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...TURNING DOWN THE FIRST KING'S POWER...

I CAN'T REGRET ...

WHY THIS WORLD TURNED OUT LIKE THIS...

I HOPE WE FIGURE IT OUT SOON...

...YEAH.

WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE CAN'T BE WRONG.

THE CHILDREN FROM THE UNDERGROUND HAVE STARTED TO SMILE RECENTLY.

I-I JUST GOT A LITTLE CARRIED AWAY THEN, THAT'S ALL...

EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE SAYING THAT HUMANITY SHOULD JUST GO TO HELL THAT DAY IN THE CAVE.

...NOT AT ALL.

YOU'RE AMAZING.

WHAT'S WRONG?

...!

YOU'RE TIRED FROM TRAIN-ING.

YONK

GIMME THAT.

HEY, WAIT ...

STOP TREATING ME LIKE SOME OLD MAN!

OF COURSE... SORRY, MIKASA.

...THE MILITARY RIGHTEOUSLY AND MERCILESSLY PUNISHED THOSE OF THE OLD ORDER.

FOR THE CRIME OF PUTTING THEIR OWN SELF-INTEREST ABOVE ALL AND THREATENING THE EXISTENCE OF THE HUMAN RACE...

AS FOR THE REMAINING ARISTOCRACY, DIFFERENT LEVELS OF TAXATION WERE SET FOR THOSE WHO COOPERATED WITH THE MILITARY AND THOSE WHO OPPOSED THEM, PREVENTING THEM FROM JOINING TOGETHER.

POLITICAL FAMILIES AND THOSE RELATED TO THEM HAD THEIR TITLES REVOKED AND WERE SENT TO DETENTION FACILITIES SCATTERED ACROSS THE LAND.

...BUT MUCH WAS GAINED IN RETURN.

THESE PURGES DISPLACED EVEN MORE CENTRAL FIGURES IN HUMAN SOCIETY THAN HAD DIED IN THE REBELLION...

...HAD IN FACT PRESERVED RESEARCH RECORDS IN SECRET, OPENING THE DOOR TO NEW AND BETTER WEAPONS.

SOME INSIDE THE INTERIOR MILITARY POLICE, WHICH HAD BEEN ORDERED TO WIPE OUT SIGNS OF TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION...

WITH MANU-FACTURING AREAS LIT BOTH DAY AND NIGHT, PRODUCTIV-ITY IMPROVED.

...WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PEOPLE TO PROVIDE LIMITLESS ENERGY.

THE SHINING STONES IN THE CAVERN BENEATH THE REISS FAMILY GROUNDS, SUPPOSEDLY CREATED BY THE TITANS...

...IT ALSO GAVE BIRTH TO A CERTAIN ANTI-TITAN WEAPON.

...PROMISED NOT ONLY TO BLOCK SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT'S RUINED GATE...

AND THE HARDENING POWER EREN GAINED...

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WHOOOOOOOOSH

TROST DISTRICT

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THAT'S IT!

STICK YOUR NECK OUT FOR ME.

NOW!

KSHRRRR

SHUU

DDD

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WE DID IT! WE HIT ITS NAPE!

GRRRRKT

WHOA!

... THIS TIME ...

LOOKS LIKE IT DID A LOT OF DAMAGE...

SHHHHH

!

JERK

GREAT...

うYおEおAおAおAおAおAおH

A 12-METER CLASS IS DOWN !!

WE DID IT!

WE CAN RUN THESE ALL DAY WITHOUT HAVING TO USE CANNONS OR OTHER RESOURCES! WE'VE CREATED AN EXECUTIONER FROM HELL WHOSE SOLE PURPOSE IS TO SLAUGHTER TITANS!!

IT WORKED JUST AS I PLANNED! NOW WE CAN DEFEAT TITANS WITHOUT SOLDIERS EVEN HAVING TO FIGHT THEM!

NOW WE'LL MAKE MORE OF THESE AND BRING THEM TO THE OTHER WALLED CITIES TO—

WE DID IT, EREN!

BAM!!

BE THE FIRST TO LET THEM KNOW !!

SPREAD THE WORD !

SPREAD THE WORD !

BSSHT

NEWSPAPERMEN!! MORE GOOD NEWS FOR HUMANITY !!

EREN ?!

...!

IT'S PROBABLY FROM OVERUSING HIS TITAN POWERS.

HE'S BEEN DOING NOTHING BUT HARDENING EXPERIMENTS LATELY.

...

AND THAT INCLUDES WHAT HE DOES WITH HIS OWN BODY.

YOU SHOULD ASSUME THAT THERE'S A LIMIT TO HOW MANY ROCKS HE CAN MAKE.

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PLEASE DON'T APOLOGIZE.

I WAS TOO CAUGHT UP IN MY OWN IDEAS...

SORRY, EREN ...

WHOOOOOOOOOSH

THERE'S NO NEED TO SAY THAT JUST BECAUSE I'M A LITTLE TIRED.

LOOK AT THIS AMAZING WEAPON WE NOW HAVE.

LET'S MAKE MORE.

THE THOUGHT OF BEING ABLE TO KILL TITANS WITHOUT ANYONE HAVING TO BE EATEN...

OOOOOOOOOO

...AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO CLEAN THE TITANS OUT FROM INSIDE WALL MARIA.

KREEK

...AND KEEP USING THESE TO GET RID OF TITANS...

KREEK

NOW WE JUST HAVE TO CLOSE THE HOLE IN WALL MARIA...

SHHHH

LET'S GET OUR WEAPONS READY... AND GO.

TO SHIGAN-SHINA DISTRICT.

EXCELLENT JOB, SURVEY CORPS.

I SEE... A TITAN GUILLOTINE ?

SIR.

HOW GOES THE NIGHTTIME PATHMAKING IN SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT?

THE RETAKING OF WALL MARIA IS STARTING TO LOOK REALISTIC.

OUR SWIFT PROGRESS HAS ONLY BEEN POSSIBLE THANKS TO THAT SHINING ORE.

WE'VE NOW SECURED A PATH MORE THAN HALFWAY IN.

AS IS THE PRACTICAL INTRO-DUCTION OF THOSE NEW WEAPONS.

THE DAY WE EXECUTE THE PLAN TO RECLAIM WALL MARIA IS NOW IN SIGHT.

...I BELIEVE THAT ALL OUR PREPARATIONS WILL BE COMPLETE.

WITHIN THE MONTH...

BUT FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION.

EARLIER THAN EXPECT-ED.

OHH...

ALL THAT IS PREDICATED ON RETAKING THAT LOST TERRITORY.

IF WE FAIL, WE'LL GO BANKRUPT.

...AND SECURING THE SURVEY CORPS'S SPECIAL FUNDING ...

AFTER ALL, KEEPING THE ARISTOCRATS WE'VE TAXED SO HEAVILY UNDER CONTROL...

I THINK YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.

...NO, I DON'T.

DO YOU HAVE ANY ADVICE ?

CAP-TAIN, SIR.

HMPH ...

AS FOR THE SURVEY CORPS, WE INTEND TO DEVOTE OUR FULL STRENGTH TO REPAY OUR LOST FELLOW SOLDIERS FOR GIVING THEIR LIVES.

WE HAVE BLED BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE WALLS, ALL IN ORDER TO RETAKE WALL MARIA.

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I PRAY THAT THE TREASURE YOU SEEK SLEEPS IN THAT CELLAR IN SHIGANSHINA.

INDEED... IT IS PAST TIME YOU WERE REWARDED FOR YOUR EFFORTS.

KNOCK KNOCK

GA-CHIK

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DOES IT LOOK LIKE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DISCOVER WHAT IS IN THAT BOTTLE?

SO ...?

BAM

THIS IS ALL WE CAN FIND OUT WITH THE TECH-NOLOGY WE CURRENTLY POSSESS.

WELL, ABOUT THAT...

AS SOON AS THIS LIQUID TOUCHES AIR, IT EVAPORATES, MAKING ANALYSIS DIFFICULT.

AS WE HEARD FROM EREN AND HISTORIA, IT SEEMS TO CONTAIN INGREDIENTS BASED ON HUMAN SPINAL FLUID. THERE SEEMS TO BE MORE AS WELL, BUT...

JUST HOW DID THE REISS FAMILY CREATE IT, THEN...?

THIS STUFF IS FAR BEYOND OUR CAPABILITIES, AFTER ALL.

YOU... ERWIN ?

WHOM WOULD WE ENTRUST IT TO?

...RATHER THAN STUMBLE AROUND IN THE DARK, OUR ONLY OPTION IS TO USE IT FOR ITS INTENDED PURPOSE.

THEN...

THIS BOX—

NO... I'M A WOUNDED SOLDIER.

WHY WOULD YOU BOTHER ASKING ME?

...IF THAT'S MY MISSION, YOU JUST HAVE TO GIVE ME THE ORDER.

WILL YOU TAKE IT, LEVI?

...SHOULD BE ENTRUSTED TO OUR MOST TALENTED SOLDIER WITH THE HIGHEST CHANCES OF SURVIVAL.

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'LL BE ENTRUSTED WITH THIS IN PART BECAUSE OF YOUR ABILITY TO MAKE AN ON-THE-GROUND DECISION.

...WE CAN'T PREDICT HOW THIS WILL BE USED IN THE FIELD.

CAN I TRUST YOU WITH THAT?

...DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION.

YOU'LL BE THE ONE TO DECIDE WHO SHOULD USE IT...

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WELL...

I DON'T KNOW.

AND I WON'T UNTIL IT DOES.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THAT DREAM OF YOURS...

...COMES TRUE?

I SEE.

ALL RIGHT.

UNDER-STOOD.

...YOU'RE STILL TALKING ABOUT THAT?

THUNK

I'D LIKE THE CHANCE TO UNVEIL MY WORK...HAVE YOU GIVEN IT ANY THOUGHT?

JUST TRY TO SHOW THE PEOPLE THAT GHOULISH THING.

THEIR TRUST IN THE MILITARY WILL DROP TO UNPRECE-DENTED LOWS.

...YOU BOORS KNOW NOTHING OF ART.

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WE CAN BEAT THEM!!

WE CAN BEAT THEM...

BAM

...YOUR SEAL OF APPROVAL DOESN'T MEAN MUCH WHEN YOU'VE NEVER EVEN FOUGHT A TITAN BEFORE, YOU KNOW.

THOSE SPEARS CAN CUT THROUGH THE TITANS LIKE THEY'RE MADE OF PAPER!

TAKE A GOOD LOOK, MAR-LOWE.

IT GOES TO SHOW HOW MUCH PEOPLE EXPECT FROM THIS NEW WEAPON!

BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN EVERYONE SO EXCITED, NOT EVEN AT GRAD-UATION!

YES, I'M NEW TO THE SURVEY CORPS.

WHAT WAS THAT, JEAN?

THERE ARE BARELY ANY VETERANS AROUND HERE.

THE ONLY SOLDIERS EXCITED ARE TRANSFERS LIKE YOU WITH ZERO PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS NOW, OF ALL TIMES?

BECAUSE THE SURVEY CORPS WAS SHORT-HANDED, SO IT WAS SOLICITING APPLICATIONS.

AREN'T WE ALL PART OF THE 104TH?

IS THAT HOW LITTLE YOU THINK OF US GARRISON LEFTOVERS?

...I SEE.

WE CAN'T BE THE ONLY ONES...ALL OF SOCIETY IS FEELING THE SAME WAY.

NOT ONLY THAT, THEY DID IT BY SAYING THINGS LIKE, "THE RETAKING OF WALL MARIA IS BEFORE OUR EYES! NOW IS THE TIME TO RE-BUILD SOCIETY! GATHER, YE SOLDIERS!"

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YOU'VE ALL REALLY CHANGED.

BUT ...

OUCH ...

WELL, COM-PARED TO YOU GUYS.

WOULD YOU REALLY CALL YOURSELVES HEROIC VETERANS?

WHAT IN THE WORLD... HAPPENED TO YOU?

MAYBE IT'S THE LOOK IN YOUR EYES...

...DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

MAYBE NEXT TIME.

...NO.

DIDN'T HITCH TRY TO STOP YOU?

I WAS ACTING EXCITED, JUST LIKE THEM.

I GUESS I DID JOIN ONLY BECAUSE THE TIMING SEEMED RIGHT.

YEAH...

YOU KNOW.

BUH HUH HUH...

WHY? BECAUSE YOU TWO...

WHY WOULD SHE?

HITCH?

SHE KEPT SAYING THAT SINCE WE WERE RECOGNIZED FOR OUR SERVICE DURING THE COUP, WE COULD LIVE THE EASY LIFE IF WE JUST STAYED IN THE MILITARY POLICE...

IT'S TOO BAD. MY OPINION OF HITCH WAS JUST STARTING TO IMPROVE... I HAD TO TELL HER THAT I'D MISJUDGED HER.

...? I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MEAN, BUT HITCH DID BERATE ME. SHE SAID THINGS LIKE, "IT'S NOT FOR YOU," OR "STOP TRYING TO ACT COOL, YOU WEAKLING."

WHAT? MARLOWE HASN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG.

?

LOOK AT THIS BOWL-CUT BASTARD.

ARE YOU STUPID OR SOMETHING, MARLOWE?

HUH ?

... PIECE OF SHIT.

RIGHT ?

CHATTER CHATTER CHATTER

YEAH... THAT'S WHY I WAS THINKING OF GOING BACK TO MY VILLAGE TOMORROW MORNING...

WHAAA? TOMORROW'S AN ADJUST-MENT DAY. YOU SHOULD TAKE IT EASY.

I SHOULD GO.

SKREE

OKAY.

I MIGHT BE ABLE TO LEARN SOMETHING NEW, TOO.

GOOD NIGHT.

YEAH.

IF WE KEEP LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE TITANS... ONE DAY...

YEAH...

THERE'S STILL A POSSIBILITY ONE EXISTS, RIGHT?

A WAY TO TURN CONNIE'S MOM BACK TO NORMAL ...

THE TITANS ARE ACTUALLY...

...HUMANS ...?!

THE SURVEY OF RAGAKO VILLAGE HAS JUST BEGUN.

THIS MEANS... THAT MIGHT BE TRUE.

THIS... CONVER-SATION BETWEEN YMIR AND BERTOLT.

IF IT'S NOT JUST A DREAM YOU HAD...

THAT WOULD MEAN THAT YMIR... WAS A TITAN THAT WANDERED AROUND OUTSIDE THE WALLS.

WHAT ...?

I'LL... HAVE TO TALK TO ERWIN ABOUT THIS...

NO...I WONDER... COULD IT BE...?

IT WAS LIKE I WAS STUCK IN AN ENDLESS NIGHTMARE...

THE WHOLE TIME...

ABOUT SIXTY YEARS.

A NIGHT-MARE...

...

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...YMIR SAID THAT WHEN SHE WAS A TITAN OUTSIDE OF THE WALLS, HER LIFE WAS LIKE A NIGHTMARE...

HUH ?

BUT I WONDER WHO THESE ENEMIES OF OURS REALLY ARE...

SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED TO MAKE THINGS HAZY...

DOES THAT MEAN THE TITANS...

...BEING TOR-MENTED BY NIGHT-MARES?

...ARE JUST HUMANS...

THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A TIME WHEN I WAS A TITAN LIKE THAT, TOO.

...BUT I DON'T REMEMBER A THING ABOUT IT...

ALL I REMEMBER IS WHAT MY FATHER SAW AS I ATE H—

EREN.

TALK AFTER YOU'RE DONE EATING.

YOU HAVEN'T FINISHED YOUR BREAD AND YOUR SOUP YET.

YEAH...

SORRY... MIKASA.

WHISPER

...IT'S PROBABLY NOT JUST NIGHT-MARES.

THERE'S MORE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALLS...

I BET ...

ALL YOU'VE BEEN DOING LATELY IS GRUMBLING TO YOURSELF LIKE THAT...

YOU GOT SOME KINDA ADOLESCENT MENTAL DISORDER ?

SHEESH, EREN...

WHAT ...?

YOU SAW HIM WHEN THOSE MEMORIES CAME BACK TO YOU IN THE CAVE, RIGHT?

WHAT YOU NEED TO BE DOING IS REMEMBERING **THAT** MAN.

...THE DAY HE ESCAPED FROM THE CAVE.

WHOEVER THIS SURVEY CORPS MAN WAS WHO MET YOUR DAD...

AND ANYWAY...

...HE HAS TO KNOW SOMETHING.

YEAH... HE MET MY DAD ON THAT DAY, AND IN THAT SITUATION...

MAYBE WHAT YOU NEED IS A HEADBUTT FROM THE INSTRUC-TOR.

THAT'S RIGHT. ALL YOU'VE BEEN DOING TO REMEM-BER IS HOLDING HANDS WITH HISTORIA.

WHY DON'T YOU TRY HITTING YOUR HEAD AGAINST SOME-THING?

...I THINK SO.

ARE YOU SURE THEY'RE YOUR MEMORIES, NOT DR. YEAGER'S ?

I FEEL LIKE I'VE SEEN THAT MAN SOME-WHERE MYSELF...

IF THAT'S WHAT IT'D TAKE, I'D LET HIM HEADBUTT ME AS MANY TIMES AS HE WANTS.

HOLD ON.

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?

TO-MOR-ROW...

WE'RE GOING.

HEY...

TO SEE HEAD INSTRUCT-OR...

...KEITH SHADIS.

CLUNK

NOT FOR THAT.

I WAS JOKING ABOUT THE HEADBUT-TING, YOU KNOW.

...WAIT A SEC-OND.

REINER!!

SNAP SNAP SNAP

BGGSHH

MMF !!

GAH ...

BHSSHH

DON'T YOU KNOW YOU SHOULD BE TRYING TO RETAKE THE COORDI-NATE?

WAIT HERE AND THEY'LL SHOW UP, AFTER ALL.

I WON.

YOU CAN WORRY ABOUT SAVING ANNIE LATER.

PHEW
...

SHHHHHHHHHH

CHK

READYYYYY!

ORDER AAAAAAP!

WELLLLCOOOOME!

ELLLLCOOOOME!

STOP MESSIN' WITH YER PHOONE!

AAAGH!

IT'S TIME TO STEP FOOT INTO THE GREAT RAMEN WARS.

STOP FIDDL-ING WITH YER PHONE!!

PLOP

STOP SNAP-PIN', START EATIN'!!

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THE CUSTOMER IS ALWAYS TRASH!

LEARN HOW TA EAT!!

HURRY IT THE HELL UP!

GRAB

HARDCORE MEANS NEVER HAVING TO SAY YOU'RE SORRY.

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